

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS  
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
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PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER W10 3444

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi on May 18, 2005, under authority of Section 25-43-3.103, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent and thirty days thereafter did adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2005-06 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-1-29, 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W9 3444a is hereby amended, and the following 2005-06 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

**2005 - 2006 Regulations for  
Choctaw Wildlife Management Area**

**Choctaw and Winston Counties**

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, DEER WEIGHT LIMIT, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Archery	Oct. 1	Nov. 18	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Youth	Nov. 12	Nov. 18	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Nov. 19	Dec. 1	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2	Dec. 15	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 16	Dec. 23	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
Gun	Dec. 24	Jan. 18	Legal bucks only.
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 19	Jan. 31	Antlerless deer and legal bucks.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8	Mar. 14	
TURKEY	Mar. 15	May 1	
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Oct. 8	Oct. 14	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 15	Feb. 28	
RACCOON	Jul. 1	Sep. 30	Friday nights only.
RACCOON, OPOSSUM, & BOBCAT	Oct. 1	Feb. 28	See RACCOON, OPOSSUM, AND BOBCAT in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28
RABBIT	Oct. 15	Feb. 28

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHOCTAW WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA  
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**CLOSED AREA:** Area with boundary marked with white paint around Choctaw Lake and Campground is designated as NO SHOOTING/NO HUNTING AREA and will be strictly enforced.

**PERMIT STATIONS:** All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from a self-service permit station. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out before using the WMA. Part A of the permit must be deposited in the return box at a permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name, address, and date are visible from outside the vehicle. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the WMA, visitors must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it in the return box at a permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

**DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested on Saturdays from Nov. 12, 2005 - Jan. 31, 2006 must be checked at Area Headquarters on Webster Road between 7:00 am and 6:30 pm before leaving the WMA.

**LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with at least 4 antler points AND an inside spread of 12 inches or more. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the three buck bag limit may be any antlered buck.

**DEER WEIGHT LIMIT:** All antlerless deer must weigh a minimum of 65 pounds live weight to be legal for harvest. The average live weight of an adult doe on this WMA is 90 pounds. Any harvested antlerless deer less than 65 pounds live weight is an illegal deer.

**DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season.

**LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs, primitive weapons (as defined by Public Notice 2280.002), and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Legal weapons for small game hunting (excluding waterfowl) during daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller and rifles or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire magnum. When hunting with a handgun, no other gun may be in possession. Only archery equipment and shotguns with #2 shot or smaller may be used for turkey hunting.

**RACCOON, OPOSSUM, AND BOBCAT:** Raccoon, opossum, and bobcat hunting is allowed without dogs during daylight hours and with dogs from one-half hour after sunset until 4:00 a.m.

**OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** Off-road vehicle use will be governed by U. S. Forest Service regulations. For additional information, contact the Forest Service at (662) 285-3264.

**HORSES:** Use of horses will be governed by U. S. Forest Service regulations. For additional information, contact the Forest Service at (662) 285-3264.

**CAMPING:** Camping is allowed in designated U. S. Forest Service campsites according to Forest Service regulations.

**BEARS:** Black bears may occur on this WMA. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

**CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS, TITLE 36,** will be enforced. For additional information, contact the Forest Service at (662) 285-3264.

This adopted public notice will become effective July 31, 2005. Witness my hand and seal this the 30th day of June 2005.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Noble Lee, Chairman

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Sam Polles, Ph.D., Executive Director

I certify this to be a  
true and correct copy.

Sam Polles  
Executive Director

Sharon Miller  
Notary

Notary Public State of Mississippi At Large  
My Commission Expires: May 15, 2006  
Bonded Thru Heiden, Brooks & Garland, Inc.

